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2. QUOTE SUBJECT: SUITCASE BOMB

A REPORT RECENTLY RECEIVED INDICATES THAT A TRAVELER WAS FOUND IN POSSESSION OF A BROWN "SAMSONITE" TYPE SUITCASE, APPROXIMATELY 25" LONG BY 18" WIDE, IN WHICH EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL WAS IDDED. THE EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL CONSISTED OF AN ELECTRONIC DELAY DEVICE, AN ELECTRIC DETONATOR, 3 ORDINARY DETONATORS AND DETONATING CORD. ON ONE WALL OF THE SUITCASE, DETONATING CORD WAS GLUED IN ROWS, TOGETHER WITH THE 3 ORDINARY DETONATORS. ON THE OTHER WALL OF THE SUITCASE, DETONATING CORD WAS GLUED IN COILS, TOGETHER WITH THE ELECTRIC DETONATOR AND THE DELAY DEVICE. CARDBOARD COVERED THE EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL AND THE SUITCASE LINING COVERED THE CARDBOARD. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE CACHE COULD NOT BE DETECTED BY A SUPERFICIAL EXAMINATION. FAA COMMENT: IT WAS BELIEVED, AT FIRST, THAT THE SUITCASE WAS INTENDED TO BE A MEANS OF SMUGGLING EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL SINCE THE COMPONENTS WERE NOT CONNECTED. HOWEVER, IF THE

COMPONENTS WERE CONNECTED, IT COULD HAVE BEEN USED AS A TIME BOMB. (THE DETONATING CORD WAS THE EXPLOSIVE IN ITSELF) UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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